



Congressman PAUL GILLMOR

FIFTH DISTRICT SPECIAL REPORT

Securing Our Future: Retaining the Toledo Air Guard Base

For many months now, our community has been carefully monitoring the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process which seeks to improve efficiency and preserve resources by realigning our military bases. In preparation for this process, I toured the Toledo Air National Guard Base and wrote letters to Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and the BRAC Commission advocating the merits of Toledo's base. I also arranged a meeting at the Pentagon with Defense Deputy Undersecretary Philip Grone and officials from the Toledo Chamber of Commerce and City of Toledo officials.



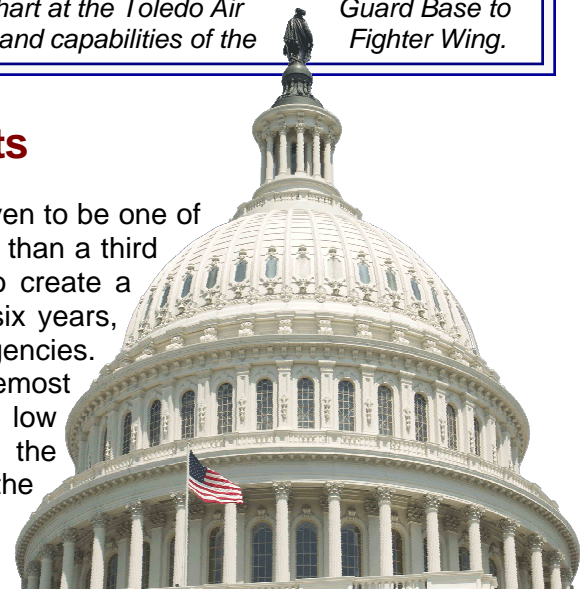
In May, the BRAC Commission announced that the Toledo Air National Guard Base would be spared from any downsizing in the BRAC process and is expected to gain personnel and missions. While this process has changed since years past, I have always felt that stressing the support of our community was essential to the future of the Base.

I am confident that the support our base received from residents of the Fifth District played a key role in recognizing the value of the Toledo Base. The BRAC Commission must send its final list to the President by September 8th. After that time, the BRAC list will be complete and will be forwarded on to Congress for approval. While no one person is personally responsible for the outcome of the BRAC process, I think the honorable records of our airmen and women and the support of our community has been instrumental in the retention of our Base.

Congressman Gillmor meets with Lieutenant Colonel Steve Norhaus and Colonel Tom Schart at the Toledo Air Guard Base to discuss the readiness and capabilities of the Fighter Wing.

A Record of House Accomplishments

Only a few months after being sworn in, the 109th Congress has proven to be one of the most effective Congresses in recent history. With slightly more than a third of our term complete, the U.S. House has passed major legislation to create a national energy policy, fund community highway projects for the next six years, permanently repeal the death tax and approved budgets for 15 federal agencies. We have made creating jobs and saving American businesses our foremost objective, and I am confident that our strong economy and low unemployment rate are indicators that our policies are working. In the coming months, the House will continue its efforts on behalf of the American people and work to improve the life of every citizen.



2005 GILLMOR LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

Empowering Our States Against International Waste



Congressman Gillmor presides over the House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. As chair of this subcommittee, Mr. Gillmor presided over passage of the International Waste Management Bill to empower states with the ability to restrict international waste shipments.

For each of the past two years, garbage coming from Canada to be disposed of in U.S. dumps has increased more than twenty percent, to 3.7 million tons per year. This amounts to 415 truckloads of Canadian garbage traveling across the U.S.-Canadian border everyday. While some communities welcome the revenue which can be gained through international waste disposal, every state deserves the right to restrict waste dumped in our communities.

This year, I sponsored legislation aimed at giving states local control over their landfills. After passing the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, which I chair, this legislation passed unanimously through the full House Committee on Energy and Commerce only three weeks later.

This bipartisan bill gives states and the EPA control over international waste management decisions and requires consideration of the states views and the impact of transported trash on health, transportation and the environment. International waste has a domino effect on our landfills, placing strain both on the state which is forced to accept the shipments and the surrounding states which must accept the overflow.

The legislation would allow our states to restrict international waste when the volume exceeds their management capacities. I have long held that states should be able to say how much and what trash is accepted in the landfills that they paid for and permitted. Hopefully, the International Waste Bill will receive consideration by the full House soon.

Sex Offender Database Moves Forward

For two years, I have sponsored legislation which would use existing law enforcement records to produce an accessible nationwide sex offender registry. Under this bill, users will be able to choose the geographic radius in which to search the location of predators in the area and produce records which offer the same information to users from New York to California.

Recently, my legislation was included in The Children's Safety Act of 2005. This Act incorporates provisions from nearly one dozen pieces of legislation into a single far-reaching bill to protect children from sex offenders. My legislation continues moving through Congress and The Children's Safety Act has already been cleared for debate in the full House of Representatives. It will hopefully continue to raise the visibility of this important issue in the hopes of producing a meaningful law sooner.

As a result of initiatives on Capitol Hill, the Justice Department recently announced its intention to create a national sex offender database. While the initial steps taken by the Department are promising, a federal law will be necessary to create a national database with 100 percent cooperation and consistent data. When it comes to sex offenders, there is no reason to provide anything less than unfettered access to the most complete and technologically advanced information, anytime and anywhere.

The National Sex Offender Registry Act has also been found to be consistent with many of the recommended sex offender management reforms. I remain very optimistic about the prospects of the national sex offender registry and hope this much needed protection can be enacted soon.

Gillmor Honored Throughout 2005 for His Legislative Achievement

I have been truly honored to receive the recognition of many noteworthy groups in the past year. Some of the awards that have been presented to me include: **The PBS Leadership Award** from the Public Broadcasting Service, **The Public Radio Leadership Award** from National Public Radio, **The Spirit of Enterprise Award** from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, **The Friend of the Farm Bureau Award** from the American Farm Bureau Federation, **The Guardian of Small Business Award** from the NFIB, **The Benjamin Franklin Award** from the 60 Plus Association, **The Hero of the Taxpayer Award** from the Americans for Tax Reform, **The Small Business Advocate Award** from the Small Business Survival Committee, **The President's Award** from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs and **The Friend of the National Parks Award** from the National Parks Conservation Association.



Neighborhood Properties, Inc. in Lucas County, Ohio honored Rep. Paul Gillmor as a Heroic Housing Supporter for demonstrating a commitment to providing affordable housing for the mentally impaired.

Creating a National Energy Plan

Throughout the month of July, a joint House-Senate conference committee met to create an energy policy for our nation. I was pleased to receive an appointment to serve on the conference as the sole Ohioan from the Energy and Commerce Committee. During this time, I worked to address issues such as renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency and supplies in an effort to conserve resources, reduce our foreign oil dependence and control energy prices. Leading into August, both the House and Senate passed the compromise legislation from the conference committee and anticipate that President Bush will sign the energy bill into law this month.

There are many noteworthy provisions in the energy bill which was passed by the conference committee including the Clean Coal Power Initiative. This initiative provides funding for projects which will result in reduced pollution emissions and provide a much cleaner energy source for our nation. It is estimated that U.S. coal reserves could last as much as 500 years into the future and our state alone produces more than 22 million tons of coal per year.

In addition to clean coal, the energy bill will promote a cleaner environment by providing incentives for the production of renewable energy such as ethanol and biodiesel, establishing efficiency standards and improving reliability. As our nation braces for the possibility of a \$3 gallon of gasoline, the energy bill has become ever more essential. If fully enacted, the energy bill has the ability to create more than half a million jobs and by increasing efficiency and reducing our energy costs, it will save many jobs as well.

While the energy bill will not have an immediate impact on gas prices, it will be vital to controlling future prices and providing an environment where businesses can flourish and families can save. Ultimately, this policy combats a mounting crisis in our country and benefits every American many times over.



Congressman Gillmor regularly discusses the actions taken by the federal government with students visiting Washington. He is shown speaking with members of the FFA from Ashland County regarding the work of Congress to create a national energy policy.

New Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Available in January 2006

As a result of legislation enacted by the House in 2003, the Medicare program is undergoing the most dramatic change since its inception in 1965. Starting on January 1, 2006, America's seniors will be eligible to enroll in a first-of-its-kind voluntary prescription drug coverage program. Every Medicare participant will be eligible to enroll in the program during the open season which begins on November 15, 2005.

If you choose to participate in the program, you are likely to pay a monthly premium around \$35 and a yearly deductible of \$250 to receive 75 percent off the first \$2250 in prescription drug costs. For a senior with \$1500 in prescription costs, this program amounts to roughly a 33 percent savings. In addition, those with limited income and resources may qualify for a reduction or elimination of premiums or deductibles. Your local Social Security office can help determine if you qualify for low-income assistance and, if you qualify, help you apply for assistance.

For personalized information on the Medicare prescription drug plan or to speak with a Medicare advisor, please visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



Accepting Service Academy Nominations

One of my goals as your representative is to nominate strong candidates for admittance to our nation's service academies. Once again, the academy nomination process has begun for Fifth District students interested in attending any of the nation's service academies.

Any unmarried Fifth District constituent between the ages of 17 and 23 is eligible to apply for a nomination to one of our nation's service academies. Persons wishing to pursue a nomination to a U.S. service academy should visit my website at www.house.gov/gillmor and click on the "for students" tab or contact my office at 800-541-6446.

Congressman Gillmor often speaks with groups about the actions of Congress. He is pictured before the Fulton County Rotary discussing initiatives such as the Medicare prescription drug plan.

Come have Coffee with the Congressman!

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ernsthausen Community Center
Community Room
100 Republic Street
NORWALK

Wednesday, August 31, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Ottawa VFW Post 9142
212 West Second Street
OTTAWA

Wednesday, August 31, 2005

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City of Defiance
Community Room
631 Perry Street
DEFIANCE

*In the
Evening*

Thursday, September 1, 2005

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
City of Upper Sandusky
Council Chambers
119 North Seventh Street
UPPER SANDUSKY

Friday, September 2, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Fulton County Administration Building
2nd floor Conference Room
152 South Fulton Street
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During tours across the Fifth District, Congressman Gillmor often visits with constituents to hear their needs and requests of the federal government. He is pictured at the Spartech Plastics plant in Paulding, Ohio where he spoke with plant employees in their break room about the work of Congress to improve American manufacturing.

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Do you want to stay better informed of legislative work being done in Washington and my work in the Fifth District? Every month, I send an email bulletin with articles on district events, federal legislation, grants and more. Go to my website at www.house.gov/gillmor and enter your email address to receive the monthly newsletters and updates. While on my website, you can also vote in periodic polls, read press announcements, view my statements on the House floor and email me with your comments and suggestions.

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CONGRESSMAN PAUL GILLMOR'S 2005 QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please circle which one of the following is the **most** important issue facing Congress this year?

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| a. The budget deficit | d. Tax relief | g. The economy | j. Education |
| b. The environment | e. Crime and drugs | h. Health care reform | k. War on Terror |
| c. The trade deficit | f. International relations | i. Child care | l. Other: _____ |

2. Please circle which one of the following items is the **second most** important issue facing Congress this year?

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| a. The budget deficit | d. Tax relief | g. The economy | j. Education |
| b. The environment | e. Crime and drugs | h. Health care reform | k. War on Terror |
| c. The trade deficit | f. International relations | i. Child care | l. Other: _____ |

How do you feel about each of these comments...

- | | Agree | No
Opinion | Disagree |
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| 3. The United States benefits from our membership in the United Nations. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Americans should be allowed the choice to designate a portion of their social security payroll taxes for personal retirement accounts. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Government regulation impedes America's economic competitiveness in the global economy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. International trade is beneficial to the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Congressional campaigns should be funded with taxpayer dollars. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Parents should be allowed to use a voucher program to provide choices for which school their children attend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Gay Marriages should be legalized in the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. The United States is adequately taking care of our veterans. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. The federal government is doing enough to prevent terrorism within the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Shareholders are adequately informed on the financial standing of those corporations in which they have invested. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. The United States should increase drilling on the northern slope of Alaska to reduce foreign dependence on oil. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. We should provide tax benefits to encourage the use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, ethanol, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. The United States should pass a constitutional amendment banning the desecration of the United States flag. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 16. Does your employer provide health insurance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Are you invested in mutual funds and/or the stock market? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Do you use the Internet? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Do you use E-mail? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Do you have a cell phone? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Is this questionnaire a helpful way to express your views? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Have rising gas prices caused you to change your travel/transportation habits? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Save Your Postage!

This year, you again have the chance to save your postage by responding to this questionnaire online at www.house.gov/gillmor and clicking on the 2005 Questionnaire link. You can also fax your responses to me toll-free at 800-278-8203.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

~ Please complete to receive a copy of the questionnaire results.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

County: _____

Email: _____

- | How do you feel about each of these comments... | Too Low | About Right | Too High |
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| 23. National defense spending is... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. State income taxes are... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Federal income taxes are... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Respond online at www.house.gov/gillmor

In May, I was named as the sole Ohioan to the House Democracy Assistance Commission by House Speaker Dennis Hastert. The sixteen members of the bipartisan Commission advise developing democracies on areas of committee operations, budgets, defense, procedures, research and constituent services. This effort will spread the goodwill of the American people worldwide and to the countries and people most in need such as Georgia, Indonesia, Kenya, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Iraq.



For the past eight years, I have been appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA). The NATO PA serves as a forum for representatives from the 26 member countries of NATO, our most important alliance in the past fifty years. On the Parliamentary Assembly, I have twice been unanimously elected to serve as Chairman of the Economic and Security Committee. As part of my duties, I recently traveled to Hohenfels Army Base in Southern Germany where I watched soldiers train for operations in Iraq at a mock Fallujahan city.

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